



Nicki Fenwick-Raven Amisti Kurilian Bobtails

Candidate Statement For The TICA Kurilian Bobtail Breed Committee 2017

My name is Nicki Fenwick-Raven, I live in the UK with my husband and our eight kurilian felines. I have been owned by Birmans since 1998 but I fell in love with the Kurilian Bobtail in 2011 when showing in Moscow and imported my first bobtail in early in 2012.

When I started breeding Birmans I was fortunate to have two very well respected and experienced breeders to call on for advice and guidance and I believe that it is important to all breeders to have a mentor to guide them. Now I am learning again from my Russian friends about the ways of this fabulous breed – I firmly believe that there is always a place in life for education.

I have been involved in feline welfare and rescue since 2007, by invitation I have written breed articles for publications in the UK and Australia including the TICA Yearbook, my second article? the subject, why the Kurilian Bobtail of course!

My breeding program is about type and temperament: I am constantly trying to improve my lines by researching pedigrees and matching the right cats to each other. It's important to encourage genetic diversity in any breed and working with other breeders across the World helps me to do that.

The health and wellbeing of the kittens I bring into the World is a primary issue and I spend a lot of time homing to the best possible homes - I hope that in the future my cattery name Amisti will be remembered not only for the legacy of its show cats but also as a quality benchmark for selective, careful breeding.

I was fortunate in achieving the first TICA IW Kurilian Bobtail and have followed with another 6 IW's and 2 LA's in this amazing breed.

My reasons for requesting a further term on the Kurilian Bobtail Breed Committee: To continue to improve my knowledge and understanding of the breed, to continue to work with other breeders in the USA and Europe to promote this new breed outside of its native Russia.

To ensure the stability, health and standard of the breed through discussion, continuous education, support and genetic diversity. Achievable by working with other like-minded individuals across the World who are interested in securing the best future for the Kurilian Bobtail in TICA.

Thank you for taking the time to read my candidate statement.

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